



ADOLESCENT/YOUNG ADULT (AYA) FAQ



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Who We Are

The mission of Flying Horse Farms is to enrich the lives of children with serious illnesses and their families by providing healing, transformative fun through medically-safe, cost-free camping experiences.

Who is eligible for Adolescent/Young Adult (AYA) Camp?

Flying Horse Farms' AYA camp serves campers ages 16-21 years old who have diagnoses with cardiology, hematology, oncology, rheumatology, gastrointestinal disorders, pulmonary disorders, rare diseases, or facial anomalies, and their siblings. Usually, campers are not able to attend other camps due to their medical needs. Campers who have transitioned to volunteering with FHF or are currently participating in or have completed the Ranger Program are not eligible to participate. If you have questions about whether or not your camper is eligible, call us at 419.751.7077 or via email (abbyrieger@flyinghorsefarms.org).

Where will my child be staying?

The camp experience wouldn't be the same without cabins! Your camper will be staying in shared housing with a small number of other campers (in semi-private sleeping quarters). With two bathrooms (2 toilets and 2 fully accessible showers in each), heating, air conditioning, electrical outlets, and bunk beds, cabin accommodations are comfortable yet modest. We provide all linens, blankets, and towels, too. Cabin assignments are based on age and gender.

Are COVID-19 vaccines required to attend?

Due to the nature of housing for AYA Camp, participants are required to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 by the time of camp. If your camper has a medical or religious exemption, please reach out to 419.751.7077 or via email, and our team will work with you to ensure a safe experience at camp.

What COVID precautions will be in place?

Conditions surrounding the pandemic and its effects on camp are ever-changing. At this time we are confident in providing a safe residential experience which begins with requiring immunization record for the COVID-19 vaccine and reduced cabin capacity. Additional safety protocols will be shared in October.

How much does it cost for my child to attend?

There is no cost to attend camp sessions at Flying Horse Farms. Lodging and meals are provided.

What if something is missing from my application?

We'll send you an e-mail with the details of your child's application status and a list of anything that is missing from your application.





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How will I know if my child has been accepted?

After our medical and psychosocial staff looks over the applications and approves them, we'll send you a confirmation packet via e-mail. It will include the date of your camp session as well as some forms for you to send back or bring with you to camp. The packet will also include a packing list, driving directions and other important information.

Do you provide transportation?

Unfortunately, no. If you're having difficulty arranging transportation, we'll do our best to help you arrange other options. Contact our Camper Family Liaison about transportation questions.

Can my camper drive themselves to camp?

Campers who are properly licensed through their state of residence will be able to drive themselves to AYA Camp. Both the camper and their parent or guardian must sign the Camper Driving Release Form (this will be emailed to you prior) to be able to drive to camp. This release must be signed and returned prior to camp. In addition to signing the release form, campers are expected to leave their keys in the Wellnest for the duration of the weekend. Keys will be returned upon departure.

What time should we arrive? When will we depart?

Campers will be assigned a specific arrival time. This time, along with the pick-up time for the last day of camp, will be in the confirmation packet you will receive before camp. If your child needs to arrive late or leave early, contact our Camper Family Liaison to make arrangements.

What do we need to bring to camp?

Food, bedding, and linens are all provided by Flying Horse Farms. You should bring all clothing, toiletries, and medical supplies with you to camp. Cameras, props, and costumes are also welcome!

WE WANT CAMP TO BE A SAFE EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE. PLEASE FOLLOW OUR DRESS CODE:

- Closed toe shoes are required to participate in many outdoor activities
- You may wear sandals with sturdy straps and a thick sole - flip-flops can be worn in the shower or at the pool
- Make sure your shorts touch below your fingertips
- All clothing must cover your stomach/midriff
- Keep necklines of shirts appropriate, and wear tank tops with wide straps
- Please bring only one-piece full-coverage swimwear
- Clothing and any visible tattoos that reference drugs/alcohol/obscenities/anything offensive are not allowed
- Avoid wearing perfume or cologne as some campers are sensitive or allergic

How do I apply?

Visit our website at www.flyinghorsefarms.org/camp/how-to-enroll/ to learn more and begin the application process.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS THAT WERE NOT ANSWERED HERE, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL US AT 419-751-7077.

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